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District Man Pleads Guilty in Connection With Shooting Death of Acquaintance

WASHINGTON - A 24-year-old District man, David Cheeks, has pled guilty to one count of Voluntary Manslaughter while Armed in connection with the March 29, 2008, shooting death of his acquaintance, Emidore Sinclair Nkol, U.S. Attorney Jeffrey A. Taylor announced today.

Cheeks pled guilty today in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia and will be sentenced on May 29, 2009, by the Honorable Frederick H. Weisberg. Cheeks faces a possible maximum sentence of 30 years of incarceration. Cheeks is the fourth defendant to plead guilty in connection with the shooting death of Emidore Sinclair Nkol.

At the plea hearing, Cheeks admitted that sometime before March 28, 2008, a co-defendant owed the decedent approximately \$50.00. When the co-defendant did not immediately repay the money, they got into a fight. During the fight, the decedent spit in the co-defendant's face and pulled a gun on him. The decedent also threatened to kill the co-defendant's mother and grandmother. Sometime prior to March 28, 2008, Cheeks, and another co-defendant drove to a gun store in Maryland to purchase 41 Magnum ammunition for the purpose of shooting the decedent. On March 28, 2008, Cheeks and others drove to the area of the 1200 block of Kennedy Street, NW, where he and a co-defendant, who was armed with a 41 Magnum revolver, got out of the car, in order to shoot and kill the decedent. Shortly after midnight, on March 29, 2008, the co-defendant shot the decedent once in the neck and once in the leg. The decedent died as a result of the injuries. The others subsequently picked up Cheeks and the co-defendant before fleeing.

On March 29, 2008, an autopsy was conducted on the remains of the decedent, Emidore Nkol, by Dr. Marie-Lydie Y. Pierre-Louis of the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner. Dr. Pierre Louis determined the cause of death was the result of a multiple gunshot wounds to the neck and leg. She ruled the manner of death a homicide.

In announcing the guilty plea, U.S. Attorney Taylor commended the work of MPD Detectives Thomas Webb, Konstantinos Giannakoulis, Robert Cephas, Anthony Green and

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Joshua Branson of the Violent Crime Branch. He also commended Paralegal Specialist Kelly M. Blakeney, Legal Assistant Doloris Young, and Victim Witness Advocate Marcia L. Rinker. Finally, he commended Assistant U.S. Attorney Charles W. Cobb, who investigated and prosecuted the case.

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